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In re Appln. of Daniele Venturini
Application No. 09/937,941

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview during which time the Advisory Action of September 10, 2003 and the foregoing proposed amendments to claim 1 were discussed.

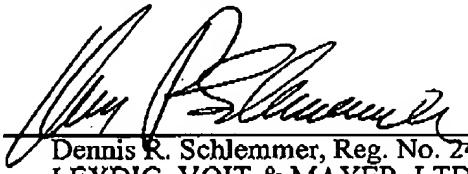
In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that the amendment filed August 15, 2003 would be entered for purposes of appeal, but not for placing the application in condition for allowance. During the course of the interview, it was proposed that the subject matter of claim 12 presented in the August 15, 2003 amendment be incorporated into independent claim 1. That feature specifically called for the threaded portion and head of the screw to have diameters no greater than the diameter of the cylindrical shank portion, a feature clearly lacking in the prior art.

Since the claim as previously presented was believed to patentably distinguish over the art, it was agreed that the Examiner would enter the present amendment only for purposes of placing the application in condition for allowance. Otherwise, the amendment will not be entered and any appeal to be filed would be taken from the claims as presented in the August 15, 2003 amendment.

Applicant's attorney thanks the Examiner for the courteous consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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